

COUNTRY ~~East Germany~~ Approved For Release 2002/01/10 : CIA-RDP80-00810A000800040TOPIC ~~Werneuchen Airfield~~EVALUATION ~~see below~~ PLACE OBTAINED ~~[REDACTED]~~ 25X1A

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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SOURCE ~~[REDACTED]~~

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1. The following railroad tank cars were observed arriving at Werneuchen airfield between 2 January and 4 February 1953:

Date	Number of Tank Cars	From	To
2 January	16	Riesa Harbor	
24 "	20	" "	[REDACTED]
		these cars were emptied to the southern fuel dump	
	2	Riesa Harbor	[REDACTED]
25 "	2	" "	[REDACTED]
4 February	1	" "	[REDACTED]

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2. In January, four pits, each with a capacity of 12 tanks, were excavated in the northern fuel dump. Each pit was to hold 12 fuel tanks. In early February, 12 fuel containers were observed in one pit.

3. In early February, only clearing work was being done at the field, while construction work on the northern fuel dump was in progress. The work force was allegedly to be transferred to Schorfheide airfield, to Parchim, and a small number of workers for bridge construction.

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5. On 30 January, three Russians wearing civilian clothes and an MVD major requested

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from Lieutenant Colonel Ctsechenkov the personal data of all German workers at the field.³

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6. [REDACTED] that 276 workers were employed at the field in the second half of January.
7. At 11:15 a.m. on 29 January, there was no air activity at the field. The sky was overcast and the field was free of snow. At about noon, 36 jet bombers of both types were counted. After 8 a.m., night flying was conducted. The overcast broke up and there was moonshine.⁴ 25X1A
8. On 29 January, [REDACTED] that 280 workers were employed for construction work on the northern fuel dump and for clearing work at the field. The large concrete mixers and other construction machines had been transferred to Brandenburg for overhauling. Large scale damages on the southern taxiway were also to be repaired by the construction staff.
9. On 29 January, the southern fuel dump was guarded by a Soviet sentry. Some containers were filled with fuel.²
10. Stripping work was in progress on 25 Pe-2 planes between the athletic field and the approach road to the southern fuel dump. It appeared that the planes had previously been parked in the second hangar from the west for a long time.⁵ 25X1X
11. Between 2 and 7 February, fuel containers were installed in the pits of the northern fuel dump by means of dredgers. Only 32 or 33 new containers were available for this dump. [REDACTED] containers were to be taken from the auxiliary fuel dump on the northern edge of the field. 25X1A
12. In early February, construction work at the field was completed except for work on the northern fuel dump. Clearing work was in progress and construction equipment was being transferred to Birkenwerder, Brandenburg and Schorfheide airfield.²
13. During the period from 10 to 13 February, jet bombers practiced day flying on three days and night flying during one night.⁴ During that period, work was discontinued on the northern fuel dump because of heavy frost. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] 25X1C
1. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] to which fuel shipments were dispatched, belong to OATBs of the two bomber regiments stationed at Werneuchen airfield. 25X1A
2. [REDACTED] Comment. Each of the fuel dumps at the field will have a capacity of about 1,000 cubic meters. Work on the southern fuel dump was completed while the northern fuel dump is nearing completion. 25X1A
3. [REDACTED] Comment. Major Garbachov and Senior Lieutenant Maleletnev are reported for the first time. Lieutenant Colonel Ctsechenkov probably is identical with Lieutenant Colonel Chevchenko who belongs to the construction staff in Werder and supervises work at Welzow airfield. 25X1A
4. [REDACTED] Comment. During the reported period, there was very little air activity by the two bomber regiments at Werneuchen airfield. The 36 IL-28s which were counted at the field agree with the assumed aircraft strength of the two regiments. 25X1A

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5. Comment. According to a previous report, Pe-2 planes were formerly parked in a hangar. On 24 December 1952, 12 aircraft wrecks of the Pe-2 type at the field. The present report confirms stripping work on a number of Pe-2s which apparently had been parked in the hangars for a long time.

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